

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-6. (canceled)

7. (new) An erasing and cleaning apparatus for cylindrical surfaces including printing forms and blanket cylinders of a printing press, comprising:

a cassette including means for transporting a cleaning cloth, said means for transporting being packageable with the cleaning cloth in said cassette;

a positioning unit having sidewalls, said cassette being exchangeably inserted between said sidewalls of said positioning unit, said positioning unit being connectable with a drive for driving said means for transporting;

a lateral guide arrangeable in the printing press comprising a carriage and means for moving the positioning unit between a first position, in the which the means for transporting is moved onto the cylindrical surface to be cleaned, and an out-of-contact position, at which said cassette is laterally removable from said positioning unit; and

at least one coupling module for selectively coupling and decoupling a removable one of said sidewalls of said positioning unit and said cassette.

8. (new) The erasing and cleaning apparatus of claim 7, wherein said carriage comprises two telescopically displaceable pairs of double rails, said double rails being

connectable to the printing press, said positioning unit comprises a superstructure for accommodating said cassette including said sidewalls connected by a crossmember.

9. (new) The erasing and cleaning apparatus of claim 8, wherein each of said pairs of double rails includes a fixed rail and a moveable rail, said carriage being connected to said moveable rails, means for moving said positioning unit relative to said movable rails and means for moving said moveable rails relative to said fixed rails, each of said means for moving comprising one of hydraulic and pneumatic cylinders.

10. (new) The erasing and cleaning apparatus of claim 9, wherein said coupling module is pivotally mounted with said removable one of said side walls on one of said movable rails, said coupling module comprising a housing, shaft journals for producing a form-fitting and force transmitting connection, said shaft journals being mounted in said housing by a spring loaded mounting, and a transversely movable cam element comprising cams for securing said shaft journals against a spring force of the spring loaded mounting.

11. (new) The erasing and cleaning apparatus of claim 10, further comprising one of a hydraulic and pneumatic cylinder actuatable for moving said movable cam for terminating the force counter to the spring force acting on said shaft journals, thereby permitting said shaft journals to decouple from said means for transporting and move into said housing by the spring force, said removable one of said sidewalls being removable and said movable rail connected to said removable one of said side walls being movable when said shaft journals are

decoupled for exposing said cassette and allowing lateral removal thereof from said positioning unit.

12. (new) The erasing and cleaning apparatus of claim 9, further comprising additional means for transporting a cleaning cloth, further spring-loaded shaft journals and a further cam element for securing said further shaft journals against a spring force of the spring loaded mounting.